MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

GOVERNING BOARD

ACALANES UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
May 17, 2006

CALL TO ORDER:	Judy Carney, Kathy Coppersmith, Margot Tobias, Richard Whitmore, and Albert Kim, Student Board Member
Staff:	Jim Negri, Chris Learned, and John Stockton
Presiding:	Vanessa Crews, President and Richard Whitmore, Clerk
CALL TO ORDER:	The Governing Board Meeting of the Acalanes Union High School District was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the District Office.
STUDY SESSION:	George Amend, BoardDocs representative provided training to the members of the Governing Board on the online agenda software.
CLOSED SESSION:	President Crews advised that the Board will be conferring with Agency Labor Negotiator, Jim Negri and reviewing public employee performance evaluation/discipline.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

There were no public comments.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board recessed to Closed Session at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC REPORT ON ACTIONS:

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:36 p.m. President Crews reported out from the Closed Session that the Governing Board conferred with Agency Labor Negotiator, Jim Negri and reviewed public employee performance evaluation/discipline. There was no action taken.

OPENING PROCEDURES:

President Crews led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for changes to the agenda.

M/S: Whitmore/Tobias (5-0)
That the agenda be approved as submitted.
Motion carried.

Recognitions and Introductions

Mr. Negri stated that he was pleased to recognize the retiring employees and their work and support they have provided to the students of the district during their tenure with the district. He related that between the six retiring employees there are 182 of cumulative years of experience.

Chris Learned stated he was stunned when Pat Fleming told him that she was retiring in June, because she seems too young to be able to retire. He related that Pat has been the district's Purchasing coordinator for the last 20 years and has worked in the district for a total of 25 years. He related when he shared the news of Pat's retirement with Admin Council, the principals were also surprised and they would miss her professionalism and service to the district.

John Nickerson related that he was pleased to congratulate Stan Oberg on his retirement. Mr. Nickerson stated that Mr. Oberg has been teaching French for 39 years. Mr. Oberg came to the district in 1967 and during his tenure he was always professional and willing to help whenever or wherever needed. Mr. Nickerson reviewed other positions, activities and contributions Mr. Oberg made during his time with the district; he taught P.E. and English, was foreign language department chair through most of the 1980s and into the 1990s, and he coached swimming. Mr. Nickerson related that Mr. Oberg always worked at the best interest of the students.

Dennis Regalado recognized Bill O'Toole's career with the district. He related that Mr. O'Toole started his Acalanes career as a student and an outstanding athlete at Del Valle High School. Mr. Regalado related that Bill started his teaching career in Oregon and returned to Acalanes Union High School District in 1974 as a P.E., life science teacher, and coach at Las Lomas High School until 1979 when he transferred to Miramonte High School to teach biology and P.E. For the last 17 years, Bill has been the district work experience education teacher, where he has served literally 1,000s of students in career and work education.

Pat Lickiss explained that Cathy Pardieck has been the Las Lomas school nurse since 1991. He provided an overview of her career. He noted that before coming to Las Lomas High School, she earned a B.A. in Sociology from Northern Illinois University, a B.A. in Nursing from Cal State University of Sacramento, and started her career as a post-partum labor and high-risk labor and delivery room nurse. He stated that she will be missed by the students, staff, and parents of Las Lomas High School.

Carol Kitchens commented on retiring teacher Dario Pedrotti's career with the district. She related that he started with the district in 1968 at Miramonte teaching business and coaching football, he transferred to Del Valle where he taught US History, World History, Geography, and coached baseball, and transferred to Campolindo when Del Valle closed, where he stayed for the past 28 years teaching World History and US History.

Luanne Wright related that Marsha Sias will retire after a 33 year teaching career at Miramonte. She noted that Mrs. Sias was also an Acalanes Union High School District graduate from Campolindo High School. In addition to Mrs. Sias' very successful culinary arts classes, she taught leadership, sewing, cooking, culinary arts, psychology, and was the yearbook advisor during her career. Ms. Wright related that Mrs. Sias is a team player who always works to unite the school site staff; she has been great asset in the district and will be missed at Miramonte.

Student Board Member and Rep Recognition

Mr. Negri presented the certificates of recognition to the Student Board Member and each Student Board Representatives. He thanked the students for reporting on their school's activities for the year and wished them luck in their future endeavors. The certificates were presented to:

Albert Kim – Student Governing Board Member
Tim Flaherty – Student Representative from Acalanes High School
Ali Gabrielli – Student Representative from Miramonte High School
Student Representatives, Jessica Manteghi of Las Lomas High School and Peter Volberding of Campolindo High School were not present.

Mr. Negri thanked Ms. Wright for stepping in and accepting the interim principal position at Miramonte High School this school year. He noted that the entire site administration was new this year and one associate principal position was temporary for the year.

Introduction

Mr. Negri introduced Raúl Zamora and explained he will be joining the district on July 1, 2006 as the Miramonte High School principal. Mr. Negri went on to provide an overview of the interview process, which included a visit to the high school where Mr. Zamora works.

Recess

President Crews called a recess at 8:10 p.m.

Reconvene

President Crews reconvened the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR:	Mrs. Tobias requested that the Minutes of April 19 and April 29 be pulled from the Consent Calendar and be considered separately.
Warrants	M/S: Tobias/ Carney Approve vendor warrants included in warrant registers dated April 25, May 2, and May 9, 2006
Personnel Reports	Approve Certificated and Classified Personnel Report No. 05-06-18
Field Trips	Approve various field trip requests
Adult Education and Family Literacy Grant	Approve Adult Education and Family Literacy Grant (WIA-231) application
Student Teacher Agreement	Approve Student Teacher agreement with Chapman University, for the 2006-2007 school year
Annual Statement of Need	Approve Annual Statement of Need for 30-Day Substitute Teaching Permits
Declaration of Need	Approval Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Teachers
Piggyback Bid-School Supplies Purchase	Approve bid to purchase school supplies by "piggybacking" a bid with Antioch Unified School District
Change Order No. Three Miramonte High School	Approve Change Order No. Three for the Miramonte High School Softball and Baseball Fields, Tennis, and Basketball Court Renovation project with O.C. Jones
Change Order No. One District-wide	Approve Change Order No. One for the District-wide Americans with Disabilities Act Improvement project with Page Construction
Change Order No. One Service Center	Approve Change Order No. One for the Service Center renovation project with Vitton Construction Company.
	That Consent Calendar items be approved. Motion carried.
Minutes	M/S: Whitmore/Coppersmith (4-0, Crews, abstain) That the minutes of April 19, 2006, be approved. Motion carried.
	M/S: Carney/Coppersmith (3-0; Tobias and Whitmore, abstain) That the minutes of April 29, 2006, be approved. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Student Board Reports	Albert Kim reviewed the plans for the May 31 Student Leadership Conference.
Acalanes High School	Tim Flaherty, outgoing Acalanes student representative stated that the Senior Ball was an excellent event. He went on to report that the annual Acalanes High School blood drive will be held on May 26, Teacher Appreciation Week is next week and, next year's elections are over. He thanked the Board, district and school for the opportunity to serve as student rep and that he enjoyed the year reporting activities to the Board.
Miramonte High School	Ali Gabrielli, student representative reported in the following activities: elections over; drama department presented the spring play last week; seniors attended the successful and informative Transition Day where they learned about transitioning to college and career; open house will be held on May 18; the choir is going to Stanford on Friday; dress up week next week; and the senior ball will be held at San Francisco City Hall. Miss Gabrielli extended congratulations to Mr. Zamora, for his appointment as Miramonte High School principal and Mrs. Sias on her retirement. She thanked Ms. Wright for her work as principal this year.
Campolindo High School	Peter Volberding was absent. Elena Dillard, Campolindo High School student board representative for 2006-2007 presented the report. She reported on the following activities: geology classes visited the Hayward Fault; Senior Ball will be at Galleria in San Francisco; and class elections will be held next week.
Las Lomas High School	Jessica Manteghi was absent. Ali Pearlstein, Las Lomas, next year's board representative presented the Las Lomas report. She reported on the following events: Senior Ball was held last Saturday and 475 students attended and it was a great success; Undergrad Awards event was held last night; tomorrow is Open House; Sophomore class is organizing a carnival; advanced foreign language students went on a field trip to the Foreign Language Institute in Monterey; and seniors are getting ready for graduation.

Mrs. Tobias reported that she received a graduation announcement from former Student Board Member, Ian Shin. She noted that he is graduating from Amherst College.

SEIU, Local 790 Representative

Mrs. Linda Giannotti, SEIU, Local 790 representative, reported that the chapter held an election for a seat on the negotiating team. She announced that Jamie Corum was elected and will be joining the negotiating team.

Mrs. Giannotti congratulated Pat Fleming on her retirement and acknowledged Pat for her work with the sites. She went on to state that she had the pleasure to work with Cathy Pardieck for a year. She went on to relate that Dario Pedrotti and Bill O'Toole will be missed. Mrs. Giannotti stated that she appreciated having the opportunity to know all of the retirees.

AEA Representative

Ms. Lori Tewksbury, AEA representative, stated that she was happy and sad to see retirees. She reported that AEA negotiating team met with the district negotiation today, it was a good start and the teams plan to meet again on May 30, June 1, and in August. She reported that she is running for a position with the CTA. Ms. Tewksbury stated that the AEA will hold its elections next week and noted various items for a vote; bylaw change in the term of president and change the 10-month paycheck to an 11-month paycheck.

She thanked Mr. Learned for meeting with the teachers who will have their classroom in use for seven periods a day.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE:

Mr. Negri explained the online agenda program and documents. He explained that the information will be available to public five days prior to a Board meeting.

He commented on the following issues:

1. AEA negations started and off to a good start
2. Principals are interviewing for common teaching positions district-wide.
3. He attended 32nd District PTA luncheon honoring outgoing board, incoming board, and service award winners.
4. ACSA conference is May 18 and the keynote speaker is Liz Hill, legislative analyst.

REPORTS, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS:

Strategic Plan

Mr. Negri asked for approval on the Strategic Plan strategic priorities, strategic objectives, and strategic goals. He reviewed the changes the Strategic Core Team made on May 3 to the documents as requested by the Governing Board.

Recruitment for action teams will begin this month and continue throughout the summer to have a balance of students, staff, parents, and community members. He explained that action plans would be completed for implementation in December and will be applicable to the 2007-2008 budget.

M/S: Coppersmith/Whitmore (5-0; Kim voted yes).
That the Strategic Plan with the Mission, Strategic Priorities, Strategic Objectives, and Strategic Goals be approved.
Motion carried.

Diversity Committee

Mr. Regalado introduced the Diversity Committee co-chairs, Erik Honda and Basheer Edun. Mr. Edun thanked the Board members for attending meetings and reading committee meeting minutes and asked the Board to email any suggestions for the committee.

Mr. Honda summarized the events Diversity Committee for 2005-2006. He explained that the meetings are student driven. He thanked the Board on behalf of the committee members for their support to the committee.

Mr. Honda acknowledged Ignacio Garrett, Las Lomas student and committee member for spearheading the district-wide Paraguayan school supply drive. Mr. Garrett explained how he became involved in the activity and how he presented the plan to the committee. He noted that the Diversity Committee and Fremont High School are participating in the school supply drive for Paraguayan schools. Mrs. Ladan Amin, Las Lomas teacher and Diversity Committee member, praised the district schools for working together as a team for this selfless activity.

Mrs. Tobias commended the committee for their work and complimented the committee on this year's calendar.

President Crews thanked the committee and Ignacio Garrett member for reviewing the committee's activities.

Mrs. Tobias suggested that the district consider creating a budget to support the work of the committee. Mr. Negri agreed that the district should provide some support for various programs in which all district students receive benefit.

Mr. Negri noted that Ignacio Garrett received the Las Lomas PTSA's "2006 Very Special Person Award."

Mr. Stockton explained that the sites will present a brief review the goals.

John Nickerson, Acalanes High School principal reviewed the goal to increase the percentage of students scoring at the proficient or advanced level on the spring 2006 Algebra I CST by 10%. He noted that Acalanes students improved from 36% to 56% from 2004-05, which equated to a 55% increase in the percent of students achieving at a proficient or higher level.

Carol Kitchens, Campolindo High School, reviewed the site goal to increase the percentage of students scoring at the proficient or advanced level on the spring 2006 World History CST and the district World History assessment by 10%. She stated that Campolindo students achieving proficient or above on the World History CST improved from 70% to 82% from 2004-2005, which equated to a 3.8% increase in the percent of students achieving at a proficient level or higher.

Luanne Wright, Miramonte High School principal, reviewed the goal to increase the percentage of students scoring at the proficient or advanced level on English Language Arts CST. She reported that Miramonte students improved from 83% to 88% from 2004-2005, equating to a 5% increase in the percent of students achieving at proficient or higher.

Single Site Plans

Pat Lickiss, Las Lomas High School principal reviewed the progress of Las Lomas students in the areas of passing CAHSEE and CELDT. He stated that by March 2006, three students from the class of 2006 had not passed one or both parts of the CAHSEE. He explained that two students are enrolled in the special educations class and both students have met all the criteria to graduate. The third student is new to Las Lomas and is taking the exam for the first time at the end of the month. He went on to report that the progress on the CELDT goal for EL students. He noted that 61% of the EL students scoring below the Early Advanced level previously moved up one level from the previous year and 39% of the EL students achieved Early Advanced level and/or maintained that level on the 2005 CELDT.

Rae Eckholm, Del Oro high School, presented the progress and next steps on the ASAM goals for Del Oro. She explained that 100% of students took STAR exam.

Dennis Regalado, Director of Alternative and Community Education reviewed the goals and the next steps for the Center for Independent Study (CIS). He explained that CIS is working with Del Oro and the two sites are blending courses to offer electives to the students enrolled in CIS as well as Del Oro students.

Mr. Whitmore noted that the algebra results at Las Lomas seemed to vary and suggested that he would like the district to help that percentage to be more aligned with the other schools.

President Crews thanked all principals for presenting the site plan update reports.

Budget Revisions

Mr. Learned reviewed the required fund revisions through April 30, 2006. He explained that the budget revisions included an increase of $300,729 in revenues and an increase of $684,708 in expenditures, resulting in an ending balance decrease of $383,979.

M/S: Carney/Coppersmith (5-0)
That the Budget Revisions through April 30, 2006, be approved.
Motion carried.

New Textbook Adoption

Mr. Stockton asked for approval of the proposed textbooks for Calculus BC, which aligns with California mathematics standards. He explained that all four comprehensive high schools are requesting the adoption of the textbooks. He noted that the books were on display and available for public review in the Curriculum office until May 16 and there were no public comments on the textbooks.

M/S: Whitmore/Coppersmith (5-0 Student Board Member Kim voted yes).
That Calculus I and Calculus II authored by Larson, Hostetler, and Edwards and published by Houghton Mifflin be approved.
Motion carried.

Resolution No. 05-06-29 Notice of Completion

Mr. Learned stated that the project to purchase and install a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone system at Las Lomas High School, Acalanes High School, the District Office, and at the Del Valle Educational Campus is complete. He explained that a notice of completion must be filed and 10% of the contract will be held for 35 days after the recording to clear stop notices and complete punch list items.

Ayes: Carney, Coppersmith, Crews, Tobias, Whitmore
Noes: None
Absent: None
That Resolution of Acceptance No. 05-06-29 and Notice of Completion for the installation of a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone system project at Las Lomas High School, Acalanes High School, the District Office, and at the Del Valle Educational Campus be adopted.
Motion carried.

Mr. Learned stated that the girls' team locker room, gym bleachers, and restroom modernization project at Campolindo High School is complete. He explained that a notice of completion must be filed and 10% of the contract will be held for 35 days after the recording to clear stop notices and complete punch list items.

Resolution No. 05-06-30 Notice of Completion

Ayes: Carney, Coppersmith, Crews, Tobias, Whitmore
Noes: None
Absent: None
That Resolution of Acceptance No. 05-06-30 and Notice of Completion for the girls' team locker room, gym bleachers, and restroom modernization project at Campolindo High School with John Plane Construction, Inc., be adopted.
Motion carried.

Negative Declaration

Mr. Learned explained districts are required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to ensure that projects are analyzed for possible environmental impacts. Therefore, staff contracted with Mills Associates of Lafayette to assist the district in analyzing the proposed tennis court lighting project at Acalanes High School. Mr. Learned explained that part of the CEQA process is to allow for public review and comment for a 30-day period. He recommended Governing Board accept the declaration and hold a public hearing on the project at the June 26 Governing Board meeting.

M/S: Coppersmith/Carney (5-0)
To accept the Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the Tennis Court Lighting Project at Acalanes High School and to hold a public hearing on the project on June 26, 2006.
Motion carried.

Call for Bids at Acalanes High School

Mr. Learned asked for Governing Board approval to obtain sealed bids for the renovation of the remaining asphalt paving of the main parking lot at Acalanes High School. He explained the project will complete the parking lot paving at Acalanes High School and minor lighting and landscaping, and an easement to the Springbrook Pool Association.

M/S: Whitmore/Coppersmith (5-0)
That the request to obtain sealed bids for the renovation of the remaining parking area at Acalanes High School and the easement to Springbrook Pool Association be approved.

Mrs. Carney asked about timing of the paving project. Mr. Learned responded that staff is working with Springbrook Pool to minimize inconvenience for both Acalanes High School and the pool association.

Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Mrs. Tobias stated that Mt. Diablo Unified School District passed a resolution supporting the student poll worker bill.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

The members of the Governing Board reviewed the sites they would be visiting for Open House.

President Crews reviewed the Calendar of Events and noted the Coordinating Council meeting on Monday May 22, the 9th Annual Classified Barbecue will be held on June 13, starting at 11:30. She stated that there is not a Measure A meeting scheduled for June 27.

Mrs. Coppersmith commented that Mrs. Katie Peña received the Continuing Service Award and all four foundations were honored for their support to education at the 32nd District PTA luncheon.

Mrs. Tobias announced that she will not be running for board seat. She felt there should be another member who has a child in the district.

Mrs. Crews thanked Mrs. Tobias for her service to the Acalanes Union High School District.

Mrs. Carney related that the site tour to Campolindo last week was very worthwhile and it was a great opportunity to learn about the campus. Mr. Negri stated that next year staff will schedule a Board site tour once a quarter.

Mrs. Crews stated that she attended the Miramonte Teacher Appreciation luncheon last week and the Senior Transition Day at Del Valle. She noted that the Transition Day keynote speaker had a magical connection with the students. She added that she participated in the WISE program as an evaluator. President Crews commend all parent volunteers district-wide.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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Vanessa Crews, Board President

J. Richard Whitmore, Clerk to the Board

Pursuant to Board Policy 9324(a), a tape of this meeting is considered a part of these minutes. If more details of the meeting are needed, you may schedule a time with the Superintendent's Office to listen to the tape. Copies of all resolutions adopted by the Board are on file in the Office of the Superintendent, Ex Officio Secretary of the Acalanes Union High School Board of Trustees. These minutes are summaries and excerpts from the meeting of May 17, 2006, and are subject to amendment and/or correction prior to the approval by the Acalanes Union High School Board of Trustees.